

# SUGAR RAY OUTFOXES RING CHIEFS; STARTS ACTION COURT



THEY'RE ALL HIS FRIENDS — Seated in his wheelchair, former Dodger catcher Roy Campanella, center, is flanked by Dodger players and others during the 2nd Annual Baseball Writers Association Dodger Dinner at Los Angeles last Monday night. Campy received the warm greeting and an ovation when he was presented

in the audience. Kneeling at lower left is Carl Furillo. Others, left to right, are John Roschboro; St. Louis star Stan Musial; Los Angeles Councilwoman Rosalind Wyman; Stan Williams; Pee Wee Reese; and master of ceremonies Art Linkletter. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

## Acts To Halt Vacature Of His Title

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The New York State Athletic Commission learned last week that Sugar Ray Robinson is a man to reckon with outside as well as inside the ring.

As Robinson likes to say, the commission "got the message" when Robinson hauled the chairman, Melvin Krulewitch, and co-commissioners, Julius Helfand and James A. Parley, Jr., into court here to show cause why an order restraining the commission from vacating Ray's middleweight title should not be granted.

**BEAT 'EM TO PUNCH**  
The commission had given Robinson until April 15 to sign for a championship fight against Carmen Basilio, from whom Ray won back the title March 29, 1958. The group said Robinson went beyond the six months requirement for title defenses.

However, Robinson and his brain trust, cleverly countered the move. The day before the New York commission was to vacate Robinson's crown for failure to meet the deadline, Martin J. Machat, Robinson's att'y., had papers served on the commissioners to appear in court.

Thus, for the time being at least, it seems Robinson won a reprieve, as the court action is expected to take weeks, maybe months, to be resolved. Meantime, Robinson is free to call the shots. Some observers speculate that he will stall for time in order to clinch the proposed light-heavyweight title showdown with Archie Moore sometime this summer.

**DON'T SCARE EASILY**  
Archie has a return match engagement with Yvon Durelle of Canada, July 15.

Robinson claims the commission has no authority to take his title and charges the body is discriminating against him by forcing the issue. First, Ray claims there is no precedent under which the commission can enforce the six-month ruling. Secondly, he points to other instances where similar action was not taken.



NO USE TRYING — Catcher Elston Howard, left, with his Babe Ruth Award, and Pitcher Bob Turley, with his Cy Young Award, are seen at Yankee Stadium recently, all dressed up for a rained-out game against the Boston Red Sox. The Yankees' previous attempt at an opening game with the Bosos was rained out on April 10. Sometimes it's just no use even trying. (UPI PHOTO).

## 100 Percent Wrong Club Fetes La. Coach, Players

GRAMBLING, La. (ANP) — Fred Hobdy, Grambling's tactician, cage tactician, and All-American stars Jerry Barr and James Hooper were honored by the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Greater New Orleans at its annual sports banquet last Saturday night.

In three seasons, Hobdy's teams have won 77 of 90 games played. Hooper and Barr, the hottest scoring tandem in the South for 2 seasons, were both named to the NAIA All-American team. Together they averaged 48.1 points per game and drew wide praise for their tactical value, doggedness and clutch composure.

Hobdy will be cited as "Coach of the Year" and Hooper will be honored as the State's top player. The likeable mentor, who has known few comparative pressure-free moments in three campaigns, steered his round-ballers to 28 straight victories during the '58-'59 campaign. The team had a 28-1 mark, after finally losing in the NAIA small college tournament at Kansas City.

Hobdy also had the honor of handing over a baseball to the Dodgers' pitcher to start the game. Campanella still paralyzed from the waist down as a result of an automobile accident 15 months ago, said he was anticipating moving here. He now lives in Glen Cove, N. Y. He said the weather on the coast is good and he wants to be close to baseball. "My wife likes it too, but first I'm going to bring the kids out here to see how they like it," he said.

## GOOFIN' OFF BY "SKINK"

NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Negro baseball is organized this year better than it has ever been before. Never before has there been a season in which the league played each other everyday. Never before has the League operated a full schedule with out a split season, and never before have all the teams in the League been owned by individuals who did not have to depend on financial returns of the gate to keep living.

The main purpose of the organization is to groom material for the major leagues where the profits will benefit the owners. Years ago the majority of big time colored teams were owned by white men, and even today "sofay" Syd Pollock is sole owner of the Indianapolis Clowns and the same goes for the New York Black Yankees — Now the Los Angeles Hawks, owned by Clowm Ed Hamons.

The Los Angeles Giants were the property of Nat Strong and after the famous Philadelphia Hilldale Club folder under Negro owner Edward Bolden, white promoter Ed Goddip organized the Philadelphia Stars. Famous Abe Saperstein, owner of the fabulous Harlem Globetrotter's basketball team, once owned a Negro baseball team by the same name.

Alleged Racketeer Jim Backarak of Atlantic City was finance man for the Old Backarak Giants and an Italian by the name of Louise Casareo teamed with Tom Biard in the early days of the Kansas City Monarchs. The Old Eastern League with the Baltimore Black Sox, the Hilldale Club, Pittsburgh Crawford's, Harrisburg Giants, Backaraks, New York Lincoln Giants and the short-lived Washington Potahacs had one-third white owners with a Negro serving as "front man."

Today it's different; all owners are colored, the players are young and player discipline is set.

Dr. J. B. Martin, 825 Drexel Sq., Chicago, Ill., is president. Mrs. V. Johnson of Newark, N. J., is exec. secretary, and also owner of the Newark Indians; Ted Rasberry, 605 Jefferson Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich., owns the Kansas City Monarchs; Winfield Welch, 127 N Dearborn, Room 507, Chicago, Ill., owns the Birmingham Black Barons; Arthur Dove, 129 E. Cabarrus St., Raleigh, owns the Raleigh Tigers; Minnie Forbes owns the Detroit Stars and the estate of Dr. R. B. Martin, 211 S. Third, Memphis, Tenn., owns the Memphis Red Sox.

Ligon's Little Blues "barbecued" Rock Sanders' Henderson Panthers last week, 11-3. The Raleigh "game wreckers" have a 7-0 record. In my book they are in, and the state championship cup is theirs again—But anything can happen if "heads get too big for the bodies to carry down the final stretch." The Little Blues are the New York Yankees of North Carolina schoolboy baseball this year.

Phillip Johnson is owner Arthur Dove's choice as manager of the Raleigh Tigers. Johnson once managed the Mobile Bears, now a defunct organization.

## 'Ole' Satch Says Miami Club Owes Him \$1,300

KANSAS CITY Mo. (ANP) — Satchel Paige told reporters here last week that the Miami Marlins baseball team owes him \$1,300 in back pay.

"They owe me the money and I've got it in black and white to prove it," the veteran pitcher said of the International League club. Paige, who a few days ago requested and obtained his release from the Marlins, indicated he "might" join an American League club shortly. He played in the American League in 1948 as a member of the Cleveland Indians.

## Ella Fitzgerald Bound For France

NEW YORK N. Y. (ANP) — Ella Fitzgerald will be among the Jazz at the Philharmonic stars when Norman Granz, jazz impresario, takes the group to France for the seventh straight year, sometime in May.

## Los Angeles Writers Honor R. Campanella

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — Roy Campanella and members of the Los Angeles Dodgers team were honored by the Baseball Writers of Los Angeles at a banquet early last week.

The former Dodger catcher was in good spirits and appeared to have enjoyed the whole show. Campy, who served as special Dodger coach during spring training at Vero Beach, Fla., was here to attend the banquet and the Dodgers home opener. Approximately 65,000 thronged huge Los Angeles Coliseum for the game.

## FBI Nabs Ex-Golden Gloves Champ For Passing 4 "Rubber" Checks

CHICAGO (ANP) — Hubert Hood, former Golden Gloves champion, was arrested by the FBI early last week on charges that

he forged and passed four United States Treasury checks. He is also accused of forging secondary en-

dorsement of some 80 federal and state checks amounting to \$1,900. Hood, 32, operates a tavern here. He was described by Assistant

## Former Army Athlete Jailed On Armed Robbery Suspicion

DETROIT (ANP) — Willie Hollie, a 24-year-old former U. S. Army hop stop and jump star and a companion Charles Lawson were charged with armed robbery this week in a warrant issued by the prosecutor's office.

Hollie was arrested after he walked into a bar, ordered six customers, including Lawson, in-

to a rear room at the point of a toy gun. He scooped up \$25 from the cash register and escaped. Lawson admitted plotting the robbery with Hollie, according to police. During the six years Hollie served in the army, three of them overseas, he starred in not only the hop, stop and jump but in all track events including the 220, the 440 and 880.

## Marian Anderson, Dean W. Lawson Named On Ike's Cultural Group

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Miss Marian Anderson of Danbury, Conn., and Dean Warner Lawson of the School of Music, Howard University, were among the 24 persons appointed by President Eisenhower to serve on the National Culture Center advisory committee.

Robert W. Dowling of New York, chairman of the American National Theater, will serve as chairman. The purpose of this committee is to assist the 15 member Board of Trustees named by the President in January, to plan the \$25 million Cultural Center in Foggy Bottom, authorized by Congress last year.

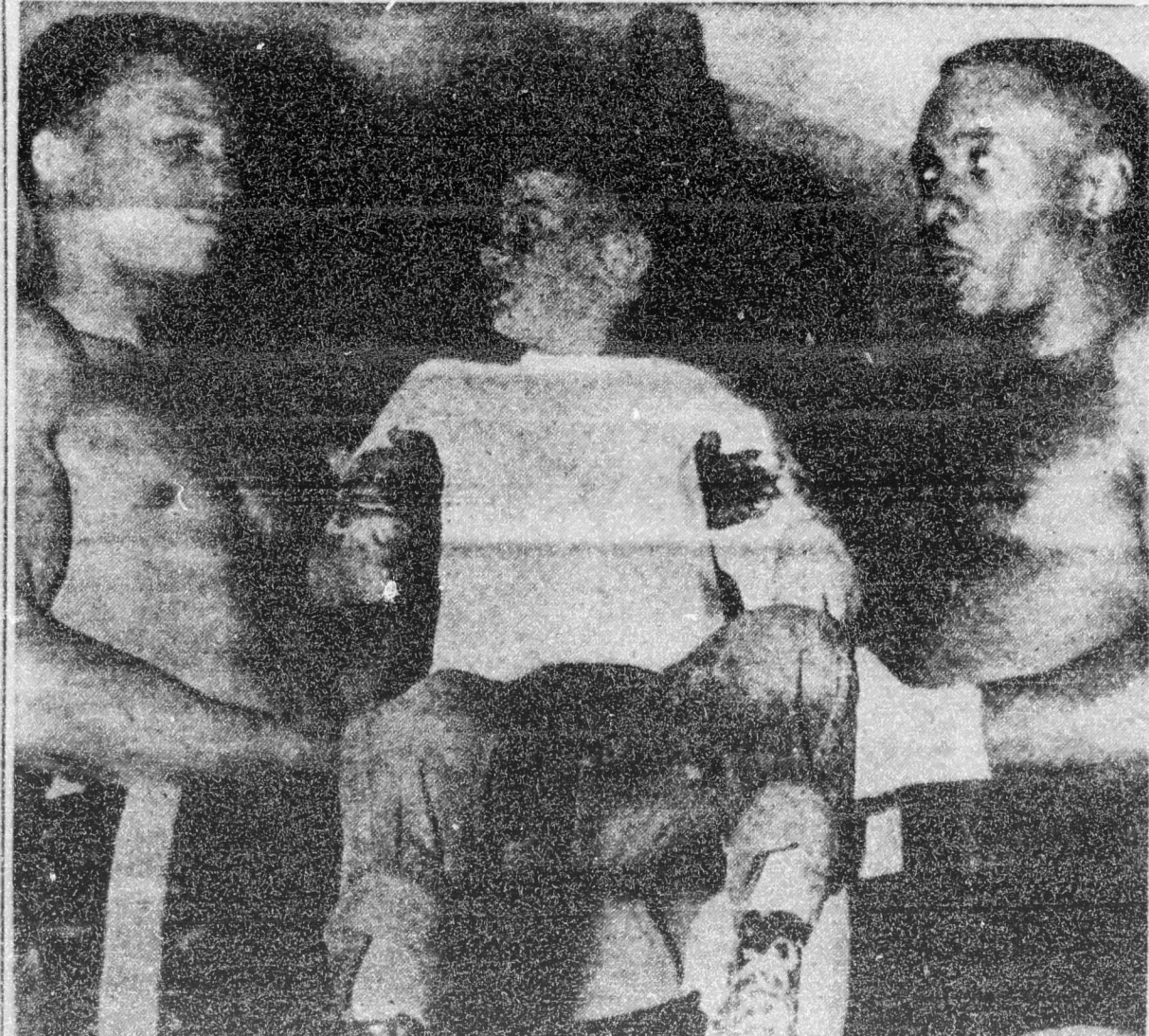
and the Advisory Committee will supply the talents necessary to make this center one of the finest in the world.

## Kenya's Tom Mboya To Speak

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Tom Mboya, chairman, All-African People's Conference, and often described as "not only the most outstanding political personality in Kenya but among the most important in all Africa," will be guest speaker at the fifth Chicago-Landmark University banquet which will be held April 27 at the Congress Hotel.

A superb political speaker, Mboya will speak on the topic

"The Rising Tide of African Freedom." He will share the speaker's table with the Rev. Donald Harrington, minister, Community Church of New York, and national chairman, American Committee on Africa.



UP FOR GRABS — Pleased as punch, 7-year-old Donnie Edsell of Louisville, Ky., takes a close look at heavyweight contenders Cleveland Williams, left, and Sonny Liston before their bout in Miami Beach, Fla., last Wednesday. The 48-pound division champ in his city's youth program, Donnie is a real lightweight for the 200-plus pounders, who met in a bout with Liston scoring a TKO. (UPI PHOTO).

## Escaped From Mental Hospital:

## Johnny Bratton Captured In "Chi"

CHICAGO (ANP) — Johnny Bratton, former welterweight champion was captured by a policeman in a Southside hotel Tuesday and returned to the Dunning Mental Hospital. He escaped last week and made his way into the

city where he appeared on a local radio program while police were conducting a search for him. Authorities said the ex-champ had been committed to the institution several years ago by his mother, Supt. Her-

bert Maltz said Bratton, confined to an open ward in the institution, had never tried to escape before.

## Ligon's Little Blues Continue Win Streak

Ligon's Little Blues hung up victory Number 5 and 6 last week to keep their unbeaten streak intact. They knocked off the usually tough E. E. Smith of Fayetteville, Wednesday, 10-2, at Chavis Park and traveled to Henderson to overpower Henderson Institute, 12-3.

In the game against E. E. Smith, Ligon's Little Blues scored three runs in each of the first 3 innings to completely outclass E. E. Smith of Fayetteville 10-2 as they won their fifth straight game. The Little Blues only got seven hits but were able to capitalize on 6 Fayetteville errors and 6 bases on balls.

Maryland Jones, Ligon's fireballing left hander, allowed only 4 scattered hits as he registered his second victory. Jones was Ligon's leading pitcher last year in the drive for the State Championship. Coach Pete Williams, expecting a tough game from Fayetteville, decided at the last moment to use Jones instead of his previous choice.

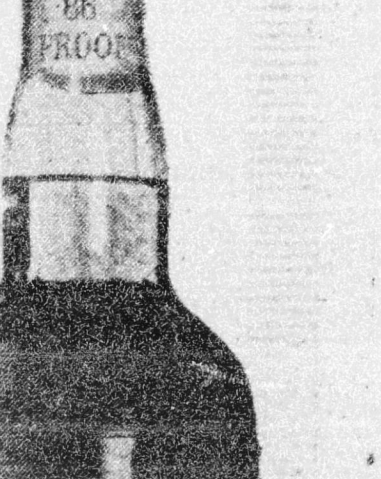
But Fayetteville, runner-up to the State Champion in '57, never really got into the game as Ligon got to their first pitcher, G. Strother with hits and misplays to score in every inning but two. Fayetteville managed to push across a run in the 5th. The big blow being 2nd baseman E. Coles' 3-bagger. Thomas Bennett, Ligon's 3rd baseman, continued his hitting streak getting a single in the 4th

to hit safely in every game played so far. William Hartfield and William Tate led Ligon at the plate each getting a double and single, bringing in 2 runs a piece and scoring once. Stellar defensive plays were made by Raymond Henderson at short, Bennett and catcher Wendell Smith. Against Henderson with Ligon's Thomas Bennett sprinkling single base hits all over the field and knocking in 4 runs, the "Little Blues" got started in the 3rd and continued to score in every following inning to ring up 19 hits and 12 runs to score a 12-3 victory.

Only one other team has scored as many as 3 runs on the Little Blues, defending State Champions and this is the first game a team has gotten more than 4 hits. P. Wilkins, Henderson's fancy R.F., got 5 of their 9 hits. Bennett, who is hitting at a hot 583, led Ligon at the plate, getting 3 out of 3. Napoleon Johnson, William Tate and Theodore Powell each collected 3 hits. Billy Christmas, winning pitcher, helped his cause with a big triple. The contest was a loosely played one, with Ligon making 8 miscues and Henderson 4.

Raleigh faces Henderson again Wednesday, April 22, in their first night game this year at Chavis Park. The starting time is slated for 8:00.

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